Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/872,138	NEEDHAM ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Robert B. Harrell	2142	
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1. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance as provided infra.

- 2. The art of record fails to teach, remotely suggest, or render obvious limiting the propagation of requests for a file in a peer to peer sharing system by sharing index information associated with the file from a first network node to a second network node in the peer to peer system, updating a distance counter in the index information by the second network node to denote the sharing of the index information about the file, and setting a request propagation limit in a request packet for requesting the file by the second network node to the distance counter, as currently claimed.
- 3. Any comments considered necessary by the applicant must be submitted no later than the Payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments of Statement of Reasons for Allowance".
- 4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert B. Harrell whose telephone number is (703) 305-9692. The examiner can normally be reached Monday thru Friday from 5:30 am to 2:00 pm and on weekends from 6:00 am to 12 noon Eastern Standard Time.
- 5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack B. Harvey can be reached on (703) 305-9705. The fax phone numbers for the Group are (703) 746-7238 for After-Final, (703) 746-7239 for Official Papers, and (703) 746-7240 for Non-Official and Draft papers.

6. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

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